IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Original)

A method of playing a betting game by at least one player comprising, in combination the steps of:

using an equivalent of at least one deck of playing cards having four equal sets of playing cards with each of said four sets having predetermined values for each card including a mean value equal to a card value equally between the highest and lowest card value of each set; and

permitting the player to bet that the player will receive a card value for at least one card provided from said equivalent of at least one deck of playing cards that is at least one of below, above and equal to a mean value for said at least one card that the player receives.

2.   (Original)

The method of Claim 1 wherein said equivalent of at least one deck of playing cards is a deck of 52 playing cards consisting of four sets of 13 playing cards with each of said four sets of playing cards having a value of from 1 to 13 for the 13 playing cards in each of said four sets of playing cards and having a mean value of 7.

3. (Original)

The method of Claim 2 wherein there is only one card provided from said equivalent of at least one deck of playing cards thereby permitting the player to bet below the mean value of 7, above the mean value of 7 and equal to the mean value of 7.

4. (Original)

The method of Claim 2 wherein there are two cards provided from said equivalent of at least one deck of playing cards thereby permitting the player to bet below the mean value of 14, above the mean value of 14 and equal to the mean value of 14.

5. (Original)

The method of Claim 2 wherein there are three cards provided from said equivalent of at least one deck of playing cards thereby permitting the player to bet below the mean value of 21, above the mean value of 21 and equal to the mean value of 21.

6. (Original)

The method of Claim 2 wherein there are four cards provided from said equivalent of at least one deck of playing cards thereby permitting the player to bet below the mean value of 28, above the mean value of 28 and equal to the mean value of 28.

7. (Original)

The method of Claim 2 wherein there are more than four cards provided from said equivalent of at least one deck of playing cards thereby permitting the player to bet below the mean value equal to 7 times the total number of cards that are provided above this mean value of 7 times the total number of cards that are provided and equal to the mean value of 7 times the total number of cards that are provided from said equivalent of at least one deck of playing cards.

8. (Original)

The method of Claim 1 wherein a money return that the player receives for a bet that the card value for said at least one card will be below the mean value equals the money return that the player receives for a bet that the card value will be above the mean value.

9. (Original)

The method of Claim 8 wherein the money return that the player receives for a bet that the card value for said at least one card is equal to the mean value is substantially greater by several multiples than the money return that a player receives for a bet that the card value for said at least one card is either below or above the mean value.

10.   (Original)

The method of Claim 1 wherein the player making a bet to receive a card value either below or above the mean card value receives back the money bet when the card value for said at least one card is equal to the mean value.

19.   (Original)

The method of Claim 6 wherein a money return that the player receives for a bet that the card value for the four provided cards is below the mean value of 28 is equal to the money return that the player receives for a bet that the card value is above the mean value of 28.

20.   (Original)

The method of Claim 19, wherein the money return that the player receives for a bet that the card value for the four provided cards is equal to the mean value of 28 is substantially greater by several multiples than the money return that a player receives for a bet that the card value is either below or above the mean value of 28.

Claims 21-134   (canceled)

135. (New)

A method for providing a providing a betting game to at least one player comprising:

providing two or more cards wherein the cards have predetermined values and there exists a mean value equal to a value between the highest card value and the lowest card value;

providing a card display area for display of two or more cards, wherein the two or more cards provided to the card display area a common cards to be shared by one or more players;

receiving one or more bets from the one or more players regarding predictions of whether a sum total of values for cards to be dealt to the card display area is below the mean value, above the mean value, or equal to the mean value;

dealing two or more cards to the card display area so that the one or more players may determine the value of the two or more cards;

adding the value of the two or more cards to generate the actual sum total of the two or more cards;

comparing the predictions by the one or more players to the actual sum total of the two or more cards; and

providing a payout to players betting on correct predictions.

136. (New)

The method of Claim 135, wherein providing two or more cards comprises providing one or more standard deck of 52 playing cards.

137. (New)

The method of Claim 135, wherein dealing two or more cards comprises dealing three cards and the median value comprises 21.

138. (New)

The method of Claim 135, wherein the card display area comprises a location on a playing table.

139. (New)

The method of Claim 135, wherein the payout for a correct prediction that actual card total is below the mean value is that same as a correct prediction that actual card total is above the mean value.

140. (New)

The method of Claim 135, wherein the payout for a correct prediction that actual card total is below the mean value above the mean value is less than a correct prediction that the actual card total is equal to the mean value.

141. (New)

The method of Claim 135, wherein the card display area is provided for each player and wherein two or more cards are provided to each the card display area for each player and the cards at a particular card display area are associated with a particular player; and

receiving one or more bets from the one or more players regarding predictions of whether a sum total of values for cards to be dealt to the card display area associated with a player is below the mean value, above the mean value, or equal to the mean value.